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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, BM

SUBJECT: OPERATION MOHEIN IV ENDS

REF: RANGOON 1441

1. THE BURMESE HAVE INFORMED US THAT OPERATION MOHEIN IV HAS
ENDED AND THAT ALL BURMESE TROOPS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE
DOI LANG AREA BACK TO MONG HSAT. NO ADDITIONAL REFINERIES OR
NARCOTICS WERE FOUND BEYOND WHAT WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL.

2. WITH REGARD TO EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT THEY WOULD OCCUPY
DOI LANG FOR SEVERAL MORE WEEKS, THE BURMESE SAID
PRESIDENT NE WIN HAD PERSONALLY DECIDED TO TERMINATE THE
OPERATION EARLIER THAN ANTICIPATED BECAUSE IT DID NOT APPEAR
THAT FURTHER SEARCHES OF THE AREA WOULD BE FRUITFUL AND BECAUSE
HE WISHED TO AVOID HAVING A LARGE NUMBER OF BURMESE TROOPS
OPERATING SO CLOSE TO THE BORDER DURING PRIME MINISTER
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KIRANGSAK'S FORTHCOMING VISIT (NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10-12).
MOREOVER, THE BURMESE SAID, IT IS NECESSARY TO REST AND RE-FIT
THE TROOPS INVOLVED IN PREPARATION FOR ADDITIONAL MOHEIN
OPERATIONS WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN WITHIN TWO WEEKS OR SO,
PROBABLY IN THE MAN THONG MOUNTAIN AND LAO LO CHAI AREAS.

3. COMMENT: WE HAD EARLIER THOUGHT THE BURMESE WOULD ATTACK

MAN THONG MOUNTAIN AND LAO LO CHAI FOLLOWING DOI LANG AS A
PART OF MOHEIN IV. THE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IS NOT THE NAME,
OF COURSE, BUT THAT THEY DO THE NEXT OPERATION AS PROMPTLY
AS POSSIBLE, WHICH IS THEIR CURRENT INTENT.
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